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CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD

THE FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF EXCERPTS
FROM FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI CHUNHAWAN'S JULY 8 NEWS CONFERENCE.

BEGIN EXCERPT:

REPORTER: WHEN WILL AMBASSADORS BE EXCHANGED WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA?

CHATCHAI: I AM DRAFTING VARIOUS NOTES AND MEMORANDA ON
THE VISIT ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CHINA; THEREFORE I HAVE HAD NO TIME TO TAKE UP FOR CONSIDERATION THE PERSON TO BE APPOINTED AS OUR AMBASSADOR IN PEKING.

REPORTER: WHEN WILL CHINA SEND ITS REPRESENTATIVE HERE?

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CHATCHAI: CHINA HAS DECIDED TO SEND OFFICIALS HERE FIRST IN ORDER TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ITS EMBASSY. THAT ADVANCE PARTY WILL MOST PROBABLY ARRIVE HERE SOON, EARLY NEXT MONTH AT LATEST.

REPORTER: HOW WILL THAT ADVANCE PARTY BE SENT HERE?

CHATCHAI: IT WILL BE SENT IN TWO GROUPS. THE FIRST GROUP WILL COME TO FIND A SITE FOR ITS EMBASSY AND TO MAKE PREPARATIONS TO ESTABLISH IT. I HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO HELP FIND A SITE. THE REQUEST HAS ONLY JUST BEEN MADE, SO I WILL HAVE TO SELECT SEVERAL SITES FOR THEM TO CHOOSE AMONG. WHEN THE FIRST GROUP OF THE ADVANCE PARTY ARRIVES HERE, OFFICIALS IN THAT GROUP WILL CONSIDER THE SITES SELECTED. THE SECOND GROUP WILL BE OFFICIALS OF THE FIRST EMBASSY STAFF, AND THIS SECOND GROUP WILL ARRIVE HERE AFTER THE FIRST GROUP HAS MADE PREPARATIONS AND PROVIDED LIVING QUARTERS FOR OFFICIALS TEMPORARILY.

REPORTER: THERE IS A REPORT THAT MR. ANAN PANYARACHUN WILL BE APPOINTED OUR AMBASSADOR IN PEKING. COULD THAT BE CORRECT?

CHATCHAI: NO. I HAVE SAID ALREADY THAT MR. ANAN WILL NOT GO TO PEKING. IT WOULDN'T BE PROPER ETIQUETTE FOR ME TO SAY ANYTHING MORE, AND I HAVE NO INFORMATION I CAN GIVE YOU YET.

END EXCERPT.
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